



El Paso Animal Services Low Cost Clinic

1. Vaccinations

Our vets recommend that pets are fully vaccinated from communicable diseases (distemper, parvo, and upper respiratory diseases) prior to surgery. Please consult your regular veterinarian for further information. In addition, City of El Paso requires a current rabies vaccination for your pet.

2. No food after midnight

No food after midnight. All pets can have water up until the time of surgery. Small dogs and kittens can have a very small snack the morning of their surgery. Pets must be kept indoors or confined the night before surgery. This ensures that they are not eating outside, which could potentially be dangerous during surgery. After surgery, keep pets indoors so you can watch for any complications.

3. Check-In Time is 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Due to our strict schedule, your pet might not be admitted if you arrive after 7:30 a.m. The admission process usually takes 10–15 minutes to complete. If you wish, you may collect the paperwork before your appointment to save time.

4. Leave Your Pet in the Car

Please leave your animal in your car until you have completed check-in. Once we have your paperwork, and have spoken to you about your animal's health, you will be asked to bring them in. All dogs must be on a leash and all cats must be in a carrier.

5. Method of Payment

We accept payment in the form of cash, check, or credit card, at the time of check-in. A 1.98% courtesy fee will be added for credit cards.

6. About the Surgery

In female animals, the uterus and ovaries are removed through a small incision in the abdominal wall, which makes them unable to get pregnant. In male dogs and cats, the scrotum is not removed, only the testicles. This prevents the production of sperm, meaning they will no longer be able to father puppies or kittens. Our patients are completely asleep during surgery, and are unable to feel or move.

7. Tattoo for Spay/Neuter

Your pet will receive a small, green tattoo near the incision site. This tattoo is not another incision—it's just a small score in the top layers of the skin filled with tattoo ink and covered with

surgical glue. The tattoo will ensure that anyone examining your animal will know they have been sterilized.